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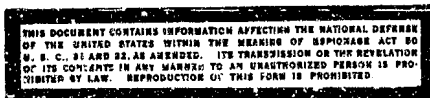
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PLAINS PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT
REDUCES RENT AND INTEREST

Han-k'ou, 16 September (HCNA) -- To facilitate improvement of livelihood, increase in agricultural output, unity among different classes, and rational supervision over the liberated areas, the Plains People's Government proclaimed that the law governing reduction in rent and interest on land and properties in the rural and suburban districts shall become effective as of 12 September 1949.

The law includes the following provisions:

All rents shall be reduced by 25 percent.

All the previously uncollected rents shall be nullified.

Rents shall not be collected before the harvest.

Rents shall be paid in cash or in kind.

Any farmer, who has difficulties in maintaining his livelihood shall negotiate with the people's government or the peasants union for equitable reduction in rent or increase in his farm acreage.

New contracts shall be signed between the landlords and the lessors. The duration of the lease shall not be less than 3-year period. All former contracts shall become void effective this date.

The lessor shall be forbidden to confiscate the lessee's land during the duration of the contract.

The rate of interest shall be reduced. The rate shall be freely determined by the two parties concerned. All disputes arising from determination of rate of interest shall be settled by the people's government or the peasants union.

Any disputes between the lessee and the lessor in regards to land or properties shall be settled by the people's government.

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The peasants union shall enforce all rent and interest reductions and administer other affiliated businesses. However, the power to make final decisions on any problem shall be vested in the people's government.

All violators of this law shall be prosecuted by the people's government.

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